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free forward and backward motion, and an aperture ring supported by the first group lens frame in a freely rotatable manner. In the cam ring, there are provided a diagonal cam groove which drives the first and second group lens frames to zoom positions in stages, circumferential-direction cam grooves which hold each zoom position, and aperture cam grooves which drive the aperture ring. In a state in which the first and second group lens frames are positioned and fixed at respective zoom positions, the cam ring can be rotated to rotate the aperture ring, thereby setting the aperture value of the pickup lenses. By means of the lens driving device of this lens barrel, a simple configuration can be used to combine and set a prescribed zoom value and an arbitrary aperture value.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 2-4 with the following:

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This application claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2000-361714 filed in Japan on November 28, 2000, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.